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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES WITH COMMUNIST, ARAB AND OTHER DIPLOMATS  
RE YESTERDAY'S EVENTS

REF: KAMPALA 3000 AND 3014

1. SEVERAL OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS AND I WERE INVITED TO RECEPTION GIVEN EVENING OCT. 11 BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR ZAKHAROV FOR DEPARTING CZECH CHARGE. WE DECIDED WE SHOULD ALL ATTEND AND CARRY ON NORMALLY. SOVIETS WERE UNIFORMLY CORDIAL, EVEN SYMPATHETIC, DESPITE PHONE-TAPPING BUSINESS. FIRST SECRETARY YERSHOV TOLD POLITICAL OFFICER HAASE HE HAD DONE SOME RESEARCH INTO SUBJECT OF ARRESTING DIPLOMATS AND HAD FOUND GENERAL AMIN'S THREAT TO PUT US ALL IN PRISON UNPRECEDENTED IN ANNALS OF DIPLOMACY. BRASH YOUNG SOVIET NEWS AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE ASKED ME A LOT OF QUESTIONS, INCLUDING WHETHER I THOUGHT I WOULD GO TO PRISON, UNTIL SOVIET AMBASSADOR TOLD HIM TO LAY OFF. I TRIED TO GET ZAKHAROV TO WATCH EVENING UGANDA TV NEWS BROADCAST, ON WHICH WE BOTH MIGHT BE FEATURED, BUT HE BEGGED OFF, SAYING HE HAD TO STAY WITH HIS GUESTS. WHEN I ASKED NEWS AGENCY MAN IF I COULD WATCH PROGRAM ON THEIR TV SET, HE PASSED INQUIRY TO AMBASSADOR AND REPORTED BACK THAT THEY HAD NO TV SET.

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2. AT SUBSEQUENT RECEPTION GIVEN BY TANZANIAN FIRST V.P. JUMBE AT NILE HOTEL I SOUGHT OUT CHINESE CHARGE MOU PING AND THROUGH HIS INTERPRETER BRIEFED HIM ON MY MORNING MEETING WITH GENERAL AMIN. HE DID NOT SEEM UPSET BY PHONE-TAPPING BUSINESS AND IN FACT SAID (BUT WITHOUT MORE SPECIFIC REFERENCE) WE SHOULDN'T LET OTHERS EXPLOIT DIFFERENCES TO DAMAGE OUR OVERALL RELATIONS, WHICH WERE MORE IMPORTANT. I ALSO SOUGHT OUT SAUDI AMBASSADOR HABABI AND LIBYAN CHARGE SAAD, BOTH OF WHOM ARE GOOD FRIENDS, AS WELL AS PLO REPRESENTATIVE EL-SHEIKH, AND BRIEFED THEM ON MY MEETING WITH GENERAL AMIN, PUTTING SPECIAL STRESS ON DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS RE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SIXTH FLEET AND NON-INVOLVEMENT OF U.S. IN FIGHTING. THEY WERE ALL PLEASED TO HAVE FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT AND APPEARED TO ACCEPT ASSURANCES. IT IS MY HOPE THAT IF THEY SHOULD MEET WITH AMIN ON THE MIDDLE EAST, THEY MAY BE ABLE TO INFLUENCE HIM TOWARD MORE MODERATE COURSES AND ATTITUDES VIS-A-VIS THE USG.

3. ALSO GAVE FIRST-HAND ACCOUNTS TO UNDP REP. PRATTLEY, UNHCR REP. KOMORSKY, DUTCH CONSUL REED AND SWISS CONSUL WALLER. OFFICIAL GOU ACCOUNT OF MEETING WITH AMIN WAS SKIMPY (SEE SEPTTEL GIVING TEXT) ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS WHAT I TOLD AMIN.

4. THOUGH I PLAYED BRIDGE WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR THABAULT LATER IN EVENING FOR SEVERAL HOURS HE NEVER BROUGHT UP AMIN'S THREAT, OF WHICH HE MUST HAVE BEEN AWARE, SINCE RADIO AND TV HAD BROADCAST GOU ACCOUNT ALL DAY LONG. IT WOULD DOUBTLESS BE FUTILE TO ASK HIM TO MAKE A DEMARCHE TO THE GOU ON BEHALF OF IMMUNITIES TRADITIONALLY ENJOYED BY DIPLOMATS, FOR INSTANCE, IMMUNITY FROM ARREST AND DETENTION.  
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